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NDP

Party member reflects on Darrell Dexter's government



**Stephanie
 Taylor**
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Although acting NDP Leader
 Maureen MacDonald draws

little comparison between the
 New Democrat's former win of
 a majority government in Nova
 Scotia and the party's recent victory
 out west, she believes both
 happened within a similar financial
 framework.

MacDonald said the Darrell
 Dexter government came to
 power in 2009 at a time when the
 province's revenues were dropping,
 just as Alberta's oil prices currently
 are plummeting.

"We came into government
 right after the financial crisis

and the big meltdown," she said.

The challenge once faced by
 Nova Scotia's former New Demo-
 cratic leadership to fund public
 services such as education and
 healthcare with low revenues is
 now on Alberta's premier-elect
 Rachel Notley and her new NDP
 government, after winning a
 majority in Tuesday's provincial
 election, MacDonald said.

The party's historic win saw
 an orange wave sweep across the
 province, deposing the Progress-
 ive Conservatives from their

nearly 44-year dynasty.

In 2009, Dexter's NDPs won
 its first majority government in
 the province, subsequently only
 lasting one term after a decisive
 loss to Stephen McNeil's Liberals
 in 2013. Falling revenues resulted
 in having to make some difficult
 decisions, MacDonald said, such
 as raising the HST.

Despite the fact Alberta is a
 considerably richer province than
 Nova Scotia, MacDonald said to-
 day, Notley's NDPs are stepping
 into a familiar financial climate

where service demands are high
 and incomes are scarce.

That insecurity creates a
 mounting public pressure on a
 new incoming government to
 deliver results, she added.

"We live in a world that ex-
 pects instant results and govern-
 ment doesn't turn on a dime. It
 was a challenge for us and it will
 be a challenge for them."

The main lesson to take away
 from Nova Scotia's short NDP
 rule is to stay connected with
 the constituents, according to

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**Politicians never
 like to raise taxes
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Maureen MacDonald

Halifax's NDP MP. "They were so
 busy governing that they forgot
 to communicate with people,"
 Megan Leslie said.



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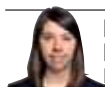
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'It's all about the experiences'

EVENT

Open City important for local biz after long winter



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

After one of the longest, snowiest winters in recent memory, business owners and Haligonians alike are happy for any reason to get outside.

This Saturday marks the fourth annual Open City,

event founder and Uncommon Group president Gordon Stevens said Wednesday, where more than 140 businesses are offering deals, activities or discounted food to draw people to local stores and celebrate the end of icy streets.

"It's always important, but this year it's that much more so. Everyone's had a long, expensive winter," Stevens said.

Even though Saturday is forecast to be a bit cooler at 10 C, Stevens said the past couple of months have been so "ridiculously bad" that a good crowd is still expected to wander Halifax and Dartmouth.

Highlights include back-door takeout from about 50



Argyle Fine Art will have a mini food truck rally during Open City on Saturday, featuring artist Kim Danio's food trucks made from used boots and shoes. CONTRIBUTED

restaurants, Stevens said, as well as music on the waterfront, and the artist-for-a-day celebration at the

Port Campus of NSCAD.

There's a petting zoo outside Nurtured on Agricola Street, live painting of flowers

in and outside Art 1274 Hollis, photo booth from Honeybee Vintage Bridal and free parking at all Waterfront Development pay and display lots.

"Some places it's right up there with Christmas," Stevens said about the impact of hundreds of people supporting local shops.

Many businesses are featuring discounts, snacks and activities to encourage foot traffic, including Argyle Fine Art on Barrington Street who will have artists on hand showcasing their work from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A mini-food truck rally will take place in the gallery as

+ DETAILS

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artist Kim Danio displays her colourful trucks made out of used shoes and boots, as well as pieces from acclaimed wood artist Gary Staple and paintings from Craig Baltzer.

"It's a way for people to be exposed to new businesses," gallery owner Adriana Afford said Wednesday.

"It's all about the experiences that people are going to have."



WEATHER GAME ON, MOTHER NATURE! Mark Biddulph, right, and his brother Peter took advantage of the first official opening day of the Public Gardens to play some checkers at lunchtime on Wednesday. Temperatures reached double digits in metro and Environment Canada is calling for sunny weather for the rest of the week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

RETAIL

Canadian Tire opening in former Target

A new Canadian Tire will be setting up shop in the former Target location in Bayers Lake.

The corporation announced on Wednesday that they will be taking over 12 leases across the country, which were once held by Target Canada, for \$17.7 million.

In a release issued Wednesday,

the President of CEO of Canadian Tire said they have been looking into acquiring certain properties from the American retailer for some time.

The new agreement will increase Canadian Tire's store network by around 400,000 square feet.

The corporation did not state when the new locations would be open.

In January, the American retailer announced it would be closing all of its store locations across Canada by the end of the 2015, including its three Halifax-area stores.

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3 Stores

All three former Target locations in HRM opened in fall of 2013 and closed down last month.

TRANSPORTATION

Macdonald Bridge closing on weekend

Halifax Harbour Bridges is warning drivers that the Macdonald Bridge will be closed for part of upcoming weekend.

From Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. to Monday, May 11, at 5:30 a.m., the bridge will be closed to replace two bearings

on one of the bridge piers, located on the approach span on the Halifax side of the bridge.

The commission says the project is separate from the bridge's ongoing renovations, known as the "Big Lift."

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AIR TRAVEL

Woman guilty of indecent act on Toronto-to-Halifax flight

A woman charged with committing an indecent act on a plane was found guilty Wednesday after a judge dismissed her claim that she was so drunk she had no recollection of what happened.

Judge Timothy Gabriel said he didn't believe Alicia Elizabeth Lander's testimony explaining her actions on the flight from Toronto to Halifax on Jan. 24, 2014.

Gabriel said Lander could clearly recall that she had 14 shots of whisky at the Toronto airport and on the flight, but did not recall pulling her underwear down on the plane, speaking to flight attendants or being taken away by police in Halifax.

"Her actions appear to have

been deliberate," Gabriel told the court. "There was no indication that she was in any type of diminished capacity. She was intoxicated.

"She simply chose to behave in a disgraceful manner."

Gabriel also found her guilty of assaulting a police officer, committing an act of mischief and causing a disturbance that damaged property at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

Lander, 26, who pleaded not guilty to the offences, testified that she began drinking at the airport on her way back from Edmonton because she was depressed.

A man next to her began buying her drinks and stopped only

+ NEXT PHASE

Crown attorney Cheryl Byard said she will likely not seek jail time when they return to court in July for sentencing.

when they had to board the flight to Halifax, Lander said, adding she drank up to 10 shots in about 20 minutes, followed by more on the flight.

"I feel ashamed it happened. I would never, ever do something in that kind of manner," she testified. "It's not me. It's not me to assault anyone."

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CLAYTON PARK

Search leads to child-porn charges

A Halifax man is facing child pornography charges.

Michael Dow Brown, 40, is set to appear in Halifax provincial court May 14 to answer one count of possessing child pornography and one count of accessing child pornography,

police said Wednesday.

Investigators with the Internet Child Exploitation Unit searched a home April 2 in the 100 block of Covington Way in Clayton Park, where they seized computer equipment and arrested the suspect.

Halifax Regional Police said the suspect was released on conditions of not communicating with children under age 16, staying at least 50 metres away from places frequented by children and not having any devices able to access the Internet. METRO

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Firefighters battle a blaze Wednesday, in the Masonic Hall building in Joggins. CUMBERLAND NEWS

Fires spread fear in small N.S. town

JOGGINS

'Suspicious' blazes destroy five unused structures

Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

What is believed to be arson has ripped through the small Nova Scotia town of Joggins.

The suspicious fires that started late Tuesday night and were still burning into the early morning hours Wednesday brought down five buildings and has left the Cumberland County community, near the New Brunswick border, reeling.

"People are concerned about what's going on, and are fearful someone is going to get hurt," RCMP spokesman Sgt.

Allan Carroll said Wednesday afternoon.

Emergency workers got the initial call at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, with police and paramedics responding along with more than a dozen fire departments to four structure fires on Pit Road.

"They're definitely suspicious in nature, leaning towards arson," Carroll said. "The investigation is really just starting and we're following up on any information that we've gathered today."



We're hoping that the public will help us out. Sgt. Allan Carroll

The Masonic lodge on Highway 242 was also hit hard, with the flames quickly spreading to the Baptist church next door. Firefighters were able to save the church, but it did suffer

"smoke and water damage."

"It will be salvageable," Carroll said of the historic place of worship. "That would have been a big loss to the community."

In total, five structures were "completely destroyed," although they were all abandoned or unoccupied at the time, he said.

One firefighter from the River Herbert department suffered non-life-threatening injuries, but no one else was hurt as a result of the arson.

CRIME

Police hunt man suspected of stealing blind woman's purse

Police in Halifax are looking for the public's help in identifying a man who stole money from a legally blind woman at Pete's Frootique in Halifax.

Halifax Regional Police say the woman was in the store on Dresden Row shopping on May 1 at 6:40 p.m., when a man approached her shopping cart and stole her purse. The purse was later found

in a garbage can on the street with all of the victim's money gone.

On Wednesday, police released photos of the suspect, described as a white man in his 50s wearing a dark baseball cap, blue jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 902-490-5016 or Crime Stoppers. METRO



Police are trying to ID this suspect. HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

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Dancers on the run

BLUE NOSE MARATHON

Participants have a busy long weekend planned

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Halifax

The young ladies of Halifax Dance showed off their moves and kicked off the launch event for the 12th annual Blue Nose Marathon on Wednesday.

Halifax Dance is one of 20 teams participating in the new Heritage Gas Marathon team relay event, taking place as part of the Blue Nose Marathon on Victoria Day weekend.

Gabrielle Kachan, 14, said the Halifax Dance group is looking forward to another opportunity to work together as a team.

"We are mostly very excited because this is something we don't normally do," said Kachan. "We are all sort of like a family at dance, so it is kind of nice to do something together outside of the studio."



Members of Halifax Dance perform a routine at a Blue Nose Marathon event at GoodLife Fitness on Wednesday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

The Blue Nose weekend coincides with the group's biggest event of the year, their Young Company two-day dance showcase. The dancers will be putting on public performances on May 15 and 16, before getting up bright and early on May 17 to run the relay.

Kachan said their goal is to raise \$5,000 to put towards the Young Company and their inclusive movement program. "Our inclusive movement

81
A total of 81 charities are taking part, with a goal of raising \$500,000 for their preferred causes.

program is something we are really proud of," said Gillian Seward-Boone, the director of recreation for Halifax Dance

and team captain for their relay team.

"We are always looking for ways to lower the costs of the program so that it is more accessible to families."

Gerry Walsh, co-chairman of the Blue Nose Marathon, said that after a gruesome winter, the team is pleased to see registration numbers are climbing.

"You can see all the people out running and training in the last few weeks," he said.

HEALTH

Keep heart in home care, advocates say

Health advocates rallied at nine MLA offices across the province on Wednesday to protest the privatization of home care.

"The Liberal government is trying to sell off health care to private companies and it will have a huge impact on patients," said James Hutt, provincial co-ordinator for the Nova Scotia Citizens' Health Care Network, outside the office of MLA Joachim Stroink.

"This should be about compassion, not profit."

The Liberal government plans to contract out home nursing and support through a competitive bidding process. Hutt said the problem with competitive bidding is that companies who bid lowest will win.

"That is what happened

"This should be about compassion, not profit."

James Hutt



Members of the Nova Scotia Citizens' Health Care Network protest outside MLA Joachim Stroink's office on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

in Ontario 20 years ago and it turned out disastrous for patients" he said. "It meant less quality care and it became more expensive — so much so that the government capped it and limited the number of people who could receive it."

Protesters waved dish-towels in response to comments made by Health Minister Leo Glavine that he didn't believe home-support workers should make \$18 an hour to wash dishes.

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Laura MacLeod, owner of The Old Apothecary, stands behind the counter of the Barrington café and bakery on Wednesday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

Barrington Street business on rise

OLD APOTHECARY

Bakery sees future in its healthy roots



Haley Ryan
 Metro | Halifax

Laura MacLeod is a believer in a daily dose of pastry.

Halifax's newest bakery, The Old Apothecary on Barrington Street, has been under construction in the old Renaissance space since February, but the doors are expected to open Monday morning with the smell of warm bread and coffee.

"I very much want it to be kind of the neighbourhood bakery for people moving back into the city and all the developments that are happening right now," said MacLeod, owner and baker, on

Wednesday.

Walking into the space, customers bound for éclairs, multiple types of bread, croissants, tarts or a cup of tea might spot old liquor bottles in the main-floor window before mounting stairs to the brick-walled second floor and relaxing on colourful and vintage-looking couches.

While renovating the basement, MacLeod said, she discovered the bottles hidden up in the ceiling. They had likely been there for decades, when the space had been an apothecary, then a men's clothing store.

The apothecary background brought up ideas of food as a drug, MacLeod said, and how important it is to have natural, fresh ingredients for their baked goods.

"I'm making my own extracts," MacLeod said. "(It's) putting healthy bread into your system as opposed to

+ OPEN CITY

The Old Apothecary is offering éclairs and coffee during Open City on Saturday.

overly processed stuff."

Barrington Street has had its share of businesses struggle and leave over the past few years. MacLeod said that while she grew up in Dartmouth, she has lived abroad for the past 13 years, and every time she came back for a visit she noticed a marked improvement downtown.

"You could see the waterfront getting better; you could see stuff happening on Barrington Street again and see construction," MacLeod said.

"I can clearly see it going this way," she added with a smile, her hand rising through the air like a plane.



GUN CRIME

Teenagers charged with possession of firearm

Police have charged four teens after receiving a complaint of several people with a firearm.

The RCMP in Halifax say the teens — between the ages of 16 and 19 — were walking near Knowles Crescent in the Beaver Bank area on Tuesday afternoon and were arrested near the old radar base a short distance away in the woods.

Police say they were all taken into custody without

incident and officers seized a loaded .22-caliber rifle.

Three males from Dartmouth, aged 19, 17 and 16, along with a 17-year-old from Cole Harbour are facing charges of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

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Home's front door chewed up by spray of bullets

Police in Cape Breton are investigating after shots were fired at the front door of a home in Westmount.

Police say officers were called to the home on Fulton Avenue around 3 a.m. Wednesday after residents reported hearing a loud noise at the front door.

They say the door was significantly damaged by a firearm.

Four people were inside the residence at the time, but police say no one was injured.

Police are searching for suspects and believe this is an isolated incident.

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THE REACTION

Stunned Conservatives downplay NDP victory

The Conservative caucus room was described as a morgue Wednesday as federal MPs grappled with political mortality after the New Democrats broke the conservative movement's four-decade grip on Alberta politics.

While they sought to downplay the notion that the NDP upset in Alberta is an omen for this fall's federal election, many acknowledged the playing field for that campaign has changed.

So-called safe seats just can't be considered safe anymore, said Deepak Obhrai, who has sat in the House of Commons as a Calgary Conservative since 1997 and was re-elected in 2011 with 67 per cent of the vote.

TORY SEATS

The Tories hold 26 of the 28 federal seats in Alberta, though redistribution means there will be 34 up for grabs this fall.

In the last six elections, he didn't face a serious challenge from the NDP, but with all four provincial seats within his riding now held by that party, he expects the next campaign will be different.

"More, stronger candidates will look at the results, so we expect stronger (NDP) candidates," Obhrai said.

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Federal NDP celebrate orange wave in Alberta

Gleeful federal New Democrats seized the coattails of their victorious Alberta cousins, but while the two parties share the same family tree, the Prairie and Ottawa branches have fundamental differences.

For one, experts point to the roots of the Prairie New Democrats, which they say come from the anti-centralist mindset that dominated Canadian politics for much of the 20th century.

The Alberta NDP also hails from a province where the economy is dominated by the pollution-heavy oil industry, which has been a bull's-eye for criticism from federal New Democrats, said a political sci-

entist who has studied Alberta politics for decades.

"The areas of difficulty (between the two NDP parties) would not be huge, but ... there could well be some," said Allan Tupper of the University of British Columbia.

Differences between the parties, however, didn't stop the federal NDP on Wednesday from inviting news cameras into its caucus chamber, where chanting MPs celebrated the Alberta win in the name of all New Democrats.

Federal NDP Leader Tom Mulcair tried to blur any lines of separation. "We've all got a spring in our step today," he told reporters in Ottawa.

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Win could give party nationwide momentum

The Alberta election victory by Rachel Notley had New Democrats across the country talking Wednesday, but the only other NDP premier cautioned against reading too much into the party's success.

"Every province has different issues, although we all are focusing on the economy right now," Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger said.

But Selinger and Paul Thomas, of the University of Manitoba, feel that the victory over the Progressive Conservatives, who had been in power for 44 years, is bound to help by showing the NDP can represent a wider range of the population than many might think.

It's a boost for a party that has experienced some losses in recent years. Nova Scotia's NDP government was defeated in 2013 and there have been poor federal byelection results.

"It means that the national party can say, after a series of byelection setbacks, 'You know, we have got some momentum behind us,'" said Thomas, professor emeritus of political science.

He suggested the win should energize NDP politicians, volunteers and staff at the federal level and in other provinces by showing that if the party can win in conservative Alberta, almost anything may be possible. THE CANADIAN PRESS



If we learn the lessons the voters attempted to teach us yesterday ... there is a way back.

Ric McIver, Calgary MLA and former Tory leadership candidate



It was ... like a morgue.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay's description of the mood among federal Tories on Wednesday



This isn't a massive shift to the left.... A lot of people who voted Wildrose last time voted NDP.

Lori Williams, political scientist at Mount Royal University



Alberta NDP Leader Rachel Notley reacts in Edmonton on Tuesday after being elected the province's premier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LEADERSHIP: Notley's next 90 days



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Newly elected Alberta Premier Rachel Notley must do three things once she's in office:

1 Pick a cabinet
Notley was elected with 52 or 53 colleagues, depending on the outcome of a deadlocked riding in Calgary, but only three of her colleagues have been an MLA before.

The current cabinet is 19 ministers, but Notley can reshape

hers anyway she chooses. In addition to looking for strong ministers, she will also have to include people from across the province.

Despite the relative inexperience of her caucus, Notley said Wednesday she won't have a problem putting together a governing team.

"I am really excited about my caucus in so many ways," she said. "I have far too many people who are skilled to select from."

Notley said her party is bringing in a lot of diversity to the table that will be good for the new cabinet.

"We have people from all walks of life, and I am very confident we will be able to put together a very capable cabinet."

2 Budget
In many ways, Notley's campaign was about running against the spending cuts and other measures that Premier Jim Prentice proposed in his budget this spring.

Notley promised to put in force the corporate tax increases that Prentice refused to implement and to restore funding he cut from health care and post-secondary education.

She said that during the transi-

tion her team would work to figure out how much of the budget can now be changed.

"We're going to be getting advice on that in the next few days, in terms of how quickly we can make those changes."

3 Soothe the oil patch
Alberta Energy companies saw stock prices drop based on the election's outcome.

Notley said she hopes to meet with a number of groups and business leaders to assure them there is no reason for alarm. Global investors would see soon enough that the sky isn't falling, she added.

MAKING HISTORY: Welcoming a new wave of female politicians

GENDER

25 elected NDP candidates are women



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

For a province once known as the home of the "old boys' club," Alberta now has women in record numbers in the provincial caucus.

Premier-designate Rachel Notley was quick to note that shift

in gender representation in her victory speech.

"I haven't done the math yet ... but what I think is true is we have elected the most women to caucus in the history of Canada ... so that's kinda cool," she said.

Out of 52 or 53 NDP candidates elected across the province, 25 are female.

A tie in Calgary-Glenmore between NDP candidate Anam Kazim and Progressive Conservative incumbent Linda Johnson could bring that number to 26, once Elections Alberta completes the official recount.

What's remarkable about the winning women candidates is

47%

According to unofficial Elections Alberta results, 47 per cent of the winning NDP candidates were women.

that often, women aren't putting themselves forward to compete on the ballot, making it harder to get equal representation in politics, says Lana Cuthbertson, chairwoman of Equal Voice Alberta North.

"It's really about getting women running in the first place. The NDP made sure a lot of women did that, and the results speak for themselves," she said.

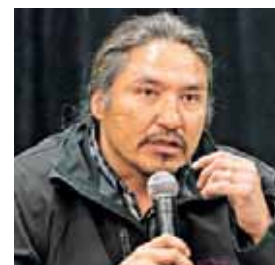
This "historic moment" for Alberta wasn't lost on the rest of the country, something that should be noted by other political parties, said Diane O'Reggio, executive director with Women's Legal Education and Action Fund in Toronto.

"To have a large majority of women in the legislature will be a benefit to not only women in Alberta but women across the country," she said.

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

Notley vows change for First Nations

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton



Chief Allan Adam of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Just as Rachel Notley took the stage in Edmonton on Tuesday night, Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam stopped her.

"I had a chance to acknowledge her and gave her my congratulations," Adam said Wednesday. "I basically mentioned, 'Don't forget to mention the First Nations in your speech.'"

Notley didn't forget. She described her win as a call to "be better neighbours and better partners" with indigenous people, adding: "I'm looking forward to consulting with you and learning from you."

Her words — and the culture of change they suggest for a province fuelled by natural resources — reverberated through First Nations in Alberta.

The oilsands and the natural-gas industry are Alberta's central economic engines, built on industry gaining access to traditional indigenous lands and the resources they contain. Alberta has long worked to honour its often-competing obligations — to protect First Nation treaty rights while also allowing industry access to resources.

The results have been fraught with disputes.

Bill Gallagher, author of *Resource Rulers*, offers an in-depth look at how First Nations are increasingly successful in court in resource-access battles, said Notley's victory is a rebuke to Jim Prentice and the PC Party's

approach to relations with First Nations.

Gallagher said there was much hope Prentice could shift the relationship when he took office, but it evaporated quickly.

"He drew another lawsuit from the Athabasca Cree in his first 100 days (in office)," Gallagher said. "Talking the talk, he gets high marks. Walking the walk, he didn't deliver."

Notley, on the other hand, is "on message and a quick learner," Gallagher said, adding that her tone bodes well for her fixing the relationship between Alberta and its nearly 40 First Nations.

Adam said the relationship with Alberta "was always on a rocky edge, an adversarial combat position." As a result, he said, that relationship often went to court to resolve things.

But after Notley's win, he said he's hopeful for a change.

"We will be looking for ways to work with the province rather than take them to court. It's a win-win situation."

NEW MLAs AND THEIR QUIRKS



Several Alberta NDP MLAs who claimed seats in Tuesday's vote are attracting attention for their lack of political experience and for their quirks. Left: in an image posted to Facebook, newly elected MLA Deborah Drever holds up a peace sign next to a T-shirt that features a marijuana leaf and the words "Magic Weed." Right: Shaye Anderson shows off his impressive beard, which has caused a sensation on social media. FACEBOOK



Former Ontario premier reminisces

The shifting tides of Alberta politics have left many pundits surveying a changed landscape, but they've also led one former Ontario premier on a stroll down memory lane.

In his former political life with the Liberals, David Peterson experienced both the kind of momentum that allowed NDP Leader Rachel Notley to upend a Conservative political dynasty on Tuesday, as well as the spectacular collapse that drove Tory leader Jim Prentice from both the premier's office and from public life.

"Rachel Notley reminds me of me in 1985," Peterson said in an interview Wednesday as he recalled his own bout of giant-slaying 30 years ago, when he ended the longtime Conservative stronghold in

Ontario and sailed into office on a wave of optimism and popularity.

"You get all of the breaks and you can do no wrong."

And then there's the "flip side," Peterson recalled of what happened to him just five years later, when Bob Rae's NDP was swept into power with a majority government after the former premier called an early election. "You're in a downward slide and you can't stop it."

Peterson said he finds the parallels with Notley the most striking, predicting the premier-elect's moment in the sun may be short-lived.

"They dream about some sort of a change, and this Rachel Notley came on. She's bright, fresh, new, no baggage,

full of resonating clichés, but she represented something good for people. Now, just wait to see how long it turns."

Notley takes office with a majority mandate, a luxury not afforded to Peterson in 1985.

He came to power at the head of a government formed with the New Democrats, who agreed to support the Liberals for two years. At the end of that agreement, Peterson won a majority that allowed him to pass progressive legislation in areas ranging from health care to pension reform.

But he also became a prominent backer of the Meech

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Nobody ever votes and says, 'Let's keep things the way they are.'

David Peterson, former Ontario premier

Lake Accord aimed at encouraging Quebec to remain in Canada.

Peterson agreed that Ontario should have fewer Senate seats than Quebec when he was trying to salvage the accord.

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BUSINESS

Oilpatch, Bay Street 'shocked' by NDP win

The new reality of an orange-tinted Alberta was beginning to sink in across the oilpatch and Bay Street on Wednesday and, though there were some jitters, many are awaiting more details before they pass judgment.

The NDP's election victory stunned Sonny Mottahed, president and CEO of Black Spruce Merchant Capital in Calgary.

"I'm pretty shocked," he said. "There's been quite a bit of chatter this morning about capital already looking at a way to invest outside of Alberta just across borders into B.C. and Saskatchewan."

The NDP has said it would raise corporate taxes to 12 per cent from 10 per cent and examine whether Albertans are getting their fair share of royalties.

The last time Alberta increased royalties, under former premier Ed Stelmach in 2007, there was

12%

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an uproar from the industry and the changes were rolled back. At the time, the global economic downturn was just taking hold, and producers were concerned the royalty increase would only compound their woes.

Energy stocks were hurting on Wednesday. The group as a whole was off about 2.75 per cent. Major oilsands producer Cenovus Energy Inc. was down six per cent, while Suncor Energy Inc. and Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. were down about three per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dog story pooched

MIKE DUFFY TRIAL

Two witness testimonies don't back Crown claims

An allegation made by the Crown in the earliest hours of Sen. Mike Duffy's trial appears to be on uncertain ground following the testimony of a pair of the prosecution's own witnesses.

Crown attorney Mark Holmes said in his opening statement last month that Duffy and his wife had travelled on the public purse in July 2010 to meet with then-MP Dean Del Mastro and go to a dog show in Peterborough, Ont.

"They arrange to acquire a puppy and drive home. That is portrayed as public business," Holmes said on April 7.

"It's in effect a shopping trip." That particular travel claim earned Duffy a breach of trust and fraud charge — two of the 31 charges to which the suspended senator has pleaded not guilty.

But two of the witnesses subpoenaed by the Crown to talk about the Peterborough travel

did not directly corroborate the "shopping trip" part of the allegation.

First, dog show organizer Louise Lang said that she had exchanged niceties with Duffy and his wife Heather at the dog show, but beyond that did not know what they had been up to.

On Wednesday, the court heard from former dog breeder Barbara Thompson, on the phone from New Brunswick. Thompson said that the Duffys had purchased a Kerry Blue Terrier from her in January 2011, after coming to see the puppy the previous November.

"Heather and Mike Duffy never, ever got a dog from you at the Peterborough dog show?" asked defence lawyer Donald Bayne.

"No they didn't," responded Thompson.

"And you never, ever met them at Peterborough dog show?"

"No I did not," she replied.

Thompson made a vague reference to Duffy perhaps having met with a Quebec dog breeder in Peterborough, but she herself was not there.

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Suspended senator Mike Duffy leaves the courthouse in Ottawa on Wednesday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

HUMAN RIGHTS

Sex discrimination at aboriginal fishery

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal has ruled that a Nova Scotia aboriginal community discriminated against a female member by denying her work in the local fishing industry because of her gender.

The tribunal decision found that Stacey Marshall Tabor encountered discriminatory behaviour on the Millbrook First Nation for several years due to the fact that she was a woman.

The decision found that Tabor was frequently passed over for fishing boat positions in favour of male candidates, some of whom were less qualified than she was.

The tribunal also said Tabor was subjected to derogatory remarks, citing an instance when a senior band member said "the only place for women's breasts on a boat was on the bow as a figurehead."

The tribunal says the First Nation provided inconsistent and unreliable evidence to refute Tabor's claims and ultimately ruled that her complaints were substantiated.

Thomas Kayter, the lawyer representing Millbrook, said he could not comment at this

time. Neither Tabor nor her lawyers responded to interview requests.

The ruling said Tabor, who had long cherished a dream of becoming a fishing boat captain and who had completed a Master Limited captain's training course, began working for the Millbrook First Nation in 2000 by serving as a deckhand on a lobster boat.

According to testimony accepted by the tribunal, Tabor then expressed an interest in taking on more demanding fishing jobs, but was told she lacked qualifications. Months later, the decision says, that same work was offered to Tabor's husband despite the fact that his only fishery experience was "preparing gear and painting buoys."

Tabor did eventually secure fishing jobs, but the tribunal ruling said her work history was interrupted by pregnancy and injury.

She then went through a three-year period during which her applications for fishing work were denied despite her Master Limited certificate and fishing experience.

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NEWFOUNDLAND, NOVA SCOTIA AND MANITOBA

Suspicious packages sent to court buildings

Some court buildings in two Atlantic provinces dealt with suspicious packages on Wednesday, the latest in a series of similar incidents.

Police in Newfoundland say a total of five suspicious packages were reviewed without incident.

In Nova Scotia, RCMP said court buildings in Sydney, Yarmouth, Digby, Port Hawkesbury and Truro had suspicious packages delivered or intercepted before delivery Wednesday.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Boyd Merrill says the packages in Newfoundland were reported in Grand Falls-Windsor, Gander, Stephenville, Clarenville and Grand Bank.

The RCMP say none of the packages have so far posed a risk to the public.

In Nova Scotia, the Mounties have assigned their major crimes unit to the case. "At this time we do not believe these packages put the public at any risk, however

we must remain vigilant and take all necessary precautions," Insp. Larry Wilson of the major crimes said in a statement.

Two more packages forced the evacuation of the provincial Supreme Court building in St. John's and the Danny Williams Building, a court complex in Corner Brook.

Three of the packages in Newfoundland have been confirmed by police as originating from the same international address and with similar contents to packages reviewed by the RCMP in Nova Scotia. But RCMP say they can't confirm any link with similar deliveries in Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

Packages were received April 8 at Manitoba provincial court buildings in Winnipeg, Brandon, Morden and Minnedosa, all of which tested negative for dangerous substances.

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QUEBEC PROVINCE LOOKS AT GETTING TOUGH ON SMOKING Robert Labelle smokes a cigarette as his friends Gilles Garand, left, and Michel Casey, centre, look on, Wednesday in Montreal. The Liberals tabled Bill 44 Tuesday, which would put an end to smoking on restaurant and bar patios. Some bar owners are worried that the new rules will result in clients opting to stay home at a time when business is already slumping. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOUTHERN ONTARIO

Child porn bust prompts international operation

Dozens of suspects have been arrested in connection with a child pornography investigation that began in southern Ontario and spanned many countries.

Details of the investigation — known as Project Hydra — were revealed by York Regional Police on Wednesday.

"Our project began with one child victim in York Region and through investigation has grown into a significant international project with thousands of potential victims," said Insp. Tim Kelly.

Police said 41 suspects have been arrested and 110 charges have been laid in North America. The charges include possession, distribution and accessing of child pornography. Seventeen people were arrested in Canada.

The investigation began in April last year after the Ottawa-

based National Child Exploitation Co-ordination Centre told York Regional Police about images of child pornography that were uploaded from a residence in York Region. After executing a search warrant at the residence, investigators learned that a young person had allegedly uploaded the images.

"The young person advised investigators that they had been chatting, sending and receiving child pornography with unknown people throughout the world via popular social networking websites and private chat rooms," said Kelly.

Police contacted owners of the website used by the young person and identified suspects worldwide who were exchanging child porn through the use of cloud storage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Omar Khadr rejects terrorism, al-Qaida

ALBERTA

Former Guantanamo inmate opens up in interview

Former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr still suffers nightmares of the firefight in which he was grievously wounded, and still isn't entirely sure what happened that fateful day, but says he wants no part of violent extremism.

The information — a rare insight into Khadr's views in his own words — is contained in an extensive interview he did recently with a prison psychologist in support of his successful bid to be reclassified as a minimum

security inmate.

"You shouldn't distort things to appease others or to suit your own agenda. I don't believe in al-Qaida killing innocents to further their belief," Khadr says.

"I hope there won't be this terrorism nonsense — I'm not going to get involved."

American soldiers captured Khadr, then 15, in the bombed-out ruins of a compound in Afghanistan following a brutal four-hour battle in July 2002. He had gaping wounds in his back, shrapnel in his eyes.

Khadr says he's still not sure exactly what went down in the firefight that left U.S. special forces soldier Sgt. Chris Speer dead and Sgt. Layne Morris blinded in one eye.

"I heard Americans. I heard shooting. I was scared. I had a

I don't believe in al-Qaida killing innocents to further their belief.
Omar Khadr

hand grenade. I threw it over my back and it exploded. I wanted to scare them away. I wasn't thinking about the consequences. After that, I was shot," he says.

"I have nightmares of the firefight. Sometimes I can't run away in the dreams."

Following his capture, the Toronto-born Khadr was taken to Bagram and then shipped to Guantanamo Bay, where he remained for a decade. In 2010, he pleaded guilty to five war

crimes before a discredited U.S. military commission, including murder for Speer's death and spying. Even so, he says, he clings to the hope it wasn't him that killed Speer.

"I still take responsibility," he says. "If I did kill (Speer), that would be a very sad thing."

The documents, filed in the Alberta Court of Appeal, are part of Khadr's bid for bail while he appeals his war crimes conviction in the United States.

The court will rule Thursday whether to grant the federal government's request to stay an earlier ruling that he should be allowed out. A ruling in his favour could see him leave prison for the first time in almost 13 years under several restrictions that include wearing a tracking device. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Candidate suspended for threatening to shoot rival

U.K. INDEPENDENCE PARTY

Robert Blay recorded by an undercover reporter

Britain's political leaders visited factories, farms, supermarkets and schools Wednesday on the final day of campaigning before an election predicted to be excruciatingly close and frustratingly indecisive.

The election race drew to a bumpy close for the U.K. Independence Party (UKIP), which suspended a candidate for making remarks about shooting his Conservative opponent in the head.

Robert Blay, who was running in the southern English seat of North East Hampshire, was recorded by an undercover reporter saying he would "put a bullet between (the) eyes" of Conservative candidate Ranil Jayawardena if Jayawardena became prime minister.

The Daily Mirror ran footage of Blay making the comments and saying Jayawardena, who has Sri Lankan heritage, was "not British enough to be in our Parliament."

"We've suspended him immediately, which is the right thing to do, and we do have a history of getting rid of people when they do something wrong very quickly indeed," said UKIP deputy chief Paul Nuttall.

Hampshire police said they were reviewing the comments as part of "initial inquiries" but added that no one had been arrested.

It is the latest in a string



A member of the public walks past a betting shop window with a display for the general election in Govan, Scotland, on Wednesday. Britain goes to the polls Thursday.

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of embarrassing comments by members of UKIP, which has seen support grow for its anti-European Union stance and hopes to win a handful of seats on Thursday.

Small parties could play a major role in determining who governs Britain after an election that polls suggest is too close to call. Neither the Conservatives nor Labour look likely to win a majority of House of Commons seats, and their poll ratings have barely shifted during the month-long campaign, with each supported by about a third

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UKIP deputy chief Paul Nuttall

of voters.

Both big parties, however, insisted they were aiming for outright victory. Prime Minister David Cameron acknowledged he was "nervous" about the result but said he hadn't spent time planning for post-

election talks with prospective coalition partners.

"I'm out there trying to convince people that the Conservative Party has the right answers to keep the economy growing, to keep creating those jobs, cutting those

+ INFLUENCE

Also facing a dramatic reduction in influence are the Liberal Democrats. The party has been junior coalition partner to Cameron's Conservatives since 2010 but has seen its ratings slide to single digits and looks set to lose a big chunk of its 59 seats.

But leader Nick Clegg insisted his party "will be the surprise story of the election."

"We are going to do so much better than anybody thinks," Clegg said.

taxes, investing in our NHS (health service)," he said.

Labour Leader Ed Miliband told BBC radio: "I'm not countenancing defeat. I'm focusing on winning the election."

Miliband faced a torrent of last-minute criticism from right-leaning British newspapers, which have depicted the prospect of a Labour government supported by the separatist Scottish National Party — one possible election outcome — as a threat to Britain's future.

British newspapers do not confine their attempts at political influence to editorial-page endorsements. The Rupert Murdoch-owned Sun ran a front-page photo of Miliband awkwardly eating a bacon sandwich, with the headline "Save Our Bacon."

The right-wing Daily Mail urged readers not to let "a class-war zealot and the SNP destroy our economy — and our very nation."

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GERMANWINGS

Co-pilot practised descent pre-crash

The co-pilot of Germanwings Flight 9525 appears to have practised sending the jetliner into a deadly descent on another flight, just two hours before he intentionally crashed into the French Alps, investigators said Wednesday.

The revelation appears to support the theory that the Germanwings crash was not only deliberate but premeditated. It came in a 30-page interim report from the French accident-investigation agency BEA.

Authorities are still puzzling over why Andreas Lubitz, who had suffered from suicidal tendencies and depression in the past, locked the captain out of the cockpit on March 24 and sent the Airbus A320 hurtling into a mountain, killing all 150 people on board.

Lubitz seemed to be toying with the airplane's settings on the earlier flight from Dusseldorf to Barcelona, programming it for a sharp descent multiple times in a 4-1/2-minute period while the pilot was out of the cockpit before resetting the controls, the report said. Unlike the later flight, he did not lock the pilot out of the cockpit.

The plane's "selected altitude" changed repeatedly and several times was set as low as 30 metres above sea level. The report says Lubitz also put the engines on idle, which gives the plane the ability to quickly descend.

On the doomed flight from Barcelona to Dusseldorf, Lubitz also set a 30-metre altitude before the plane crashed into the Alps.

Aviation experts say it would be highly unusual for a pilot to repeatedly set a plane for such a low altitude for no apparent reason. The report said Lubitz did so while air-traffic controllers were asking him to bring the airplane down gradually from 35,000 feet to 21,000 feet for its descent to Barcelona.

A BEA chart showed the plane didn't actually descend sharply while Lubitz was repeatedly adjusting the settings, so the passengers and crew might not have noticed any change.

"The captain didn't realize at all, because the co-pilot's tests during the outgoing flight took place during a normal, preprogrammed descent and it never had an impact on the plane's trajectory," said Remi Jouty, the director of BEA.

Aviation experts said the BEA findings were clearly unusual.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Migrants rescued after 12 days at sea

Nearly 100 migrants who reported being at sea for 12 days arrived in Sicily on Wednesday as diplomats mulled a draft UN resolution authorizing an EU mission to seize the smugglers' boats that are fueling the Mediterranean migrant crisis.

The 98 migrants, a third of them women and three of them pregnant, were among hundreds of would-be refugees who arrived in Italian ports Wednesday after being rescued from overcrowded dinghies and

fishing boats in recent days. Most have set off from Libya, where human traffickers charging migrants around \$1,000 apiece are operating with near-impunity amid the country's political chaos.

A draft UN resolution would authorize an EU mission for one year to seize boats where there's credible evidence they're being used by smugglers, a council diplomat said Wednesday in New York.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. gunman's final tweet hinted at Texas assault

About 20 minutes before the shooting at a Texas cartoon contest that featured images of the Prophet Muhammad, a final tweet posted on an account linked to one of the gunmen said: "May Allah accept us as mujahideen," or holy warriors. Among the Twitter hashtags used by the account was "#texas-attack." Federal authorities confirm the account belonged to 31-year-old Elton Simpson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISRAEL

PM forms coalition government in time

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday completed the formation of a new coalition government, reaching a last-minute deal with a nationalist party just before a midnight deadline.

The late-night deal saved Netanyahu from the unthinkable scenario of being forced from office. But it set the stage for the formation of a narrow coalition dominated by hard-line and religious parties that appears to be on a collision course with the

U.S. and other allies.

With a slim majority of just 61 seats in the 120-seat parliament, Netanyahu could also struggle to press forward with a domestic agenda.

After Netanyahu's Likud Party won March 17 elections with 30 seats, it seemed he would have a relatively easy time forming a coalition. But during a six-week negotiating process, the task turned out to be much more difficult than anticipated.

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Oculus Rift launch date set

GAMING

Facebook says virtual reality headset to ship early next year

Virtual reality is getting closer to a commercial reality as Facebook-owned Oculus VR has announced a consumer version of their headset will become available in early 2016.

"We're incredibly excited to announce that the Rift will be shipping to consumers in Q1 2016!" tweeted Nate Mitchell, Oculus's vice-president of product.

Oculus VR launched the current wave of virtual reality, unveiling the prototype of the Rift in 2012 to rapturous reviews. The company launched a Kickstarter campaign that raised just over \$2.4 million. Facebook purchased the company for \$2 billion in March 2014.

Virtual reality technology has had many highs and lows over the last 40 years, but has failed to capture people's imagination for a number of reasons. Early attempts fea-



Attendees wear Oculus Rift HD virtual reality displays as they play EVE: Valkyrie, a multiplayer virtual reality shooter game, at the 2014 International CES. ROBYN BECK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

tured cumbersome technology that lacked the ability to create truly immersive graphics experiences and carried high costs.

Improvements in screen technology, graphics and the current focus on the poten-

tially lucrative hardcore gamer market have drawn big-name companies to the technology in recent months. Despite the current hype, there are still some issues, including the potential to cause motion sickness in some users.

Oculus revealed a little more information in a blog post. The model will be based on the Crescent Bay model available as part of the developer's kit for the device.

"The Oculus Rift builds on the presence, immersion, and

comfort of the Crescent Bay prototype with an improved tracking system that supports both seated and standing experiences, as well as a highly refined industrial design, and updated ergonomics for a more natural fit," the company said in the post.

With many companies aiming to release commercial versions of their virtual reality products by the end of this year, Oculus faced being left behind.

Oculus has been working on the creation of a full experience, and even warned its competitors not to release bad headsets for fear of turning people off the nascent technology.

"We're a little worried about some of the bigger companies putting out product that isn't quite ready," said Brendan Iribe, Oculus VR's CEO at Dublin's Web Summit conference in November. "That elephant in the room is disorientation and motion sickness. . . . We're encouraging other companies, particularly the big consumer companies, to not put out a product until they've solved that problem."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Canada Post gives online shoppers more options

Canada Post is launching a new feature that gives online shoppers greater control over their parcels. The postal service said Wednesday that FlexDelivery will allow customers to decide which post office receives the delivery of their online order instead of being mailed to their home. Canada Post said consumers will need to register for a unique identification code on their website. When the order arrives, the user will receive an email notification. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SILICON VALLEY JOBS

Few Asian execs, study finds

Google, Yahoo and other major technology companies are far more inclined to hire Asians as computer programmers than to promote them to become managers or executives, according to a study released Wednesday.

Ascend, a group focused on Asian business issues, based its conclusions on 2013 data filed with U.S. employment regulators by five Silicon Valley companies — Google Inc., Yahoo Inc., Intel Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co. and LinkedIn Corp.

The report found that Asians held 27 per cent of the profes-

+ ASIAN WOMEN

Double whammy

The Ascend study found there was only one Asian female executive for every 287 Asian women at the five companies. But there was one white female executive for every 123 white women.

sional jobs yet only 14 per cent of executive posts. By comparison, whites held 62 per cent

of the professional jobs at the studied companies, but filled 80 per cent of the executive jobs.

The technology industry's shortage of Asian executives stems in part from a cultural divide, the report concedes. Corporate America often embraces confident, outspoken individuals with unconventional ideas.

In contrast, many Asians are taught to be deferential and cling to a belief that doing a good job will automatically be rewarded.

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CROWDFUNDED COFFEE MAKER

Backers bitter after project fails

Backers of a failed effort on the crowdfunding website Kickstarter are considering their options after founders of a coffee maker missed a mid-April deadline to get the project back on track.

ZPM Espresso claimed its Nocturne coffee maker was the world's first smart espresso machine for the home because of a programmable control chip, more common in commercial machines, that would allow consumers to create the perfect shot of concentrated java by precisely controlling water pressure and temperature.

Yet the company's plans never

materialized, and now supporters who spent as much as \$1,000 US on the machine — and assorted bonuses including T-shirts and coffee paraphernalia — are looking for answers.

Christopher Browne, a Toronto-based computer scientist, said he contributed \$350 during ZPM Espresso's original Kickstarter campaign from December 2011 to January 2012, which was supposed to cover the cost of the machine as well as a few extra gifts. The campaign raised \$369,569 US, well above the original \$20,000 US goal.

The creators posted frequent

updates in the beginning, Browne said. As the months passed, he remained positive even as the company ran into problems. There were issues with the quality of the manufacturing, and ZPM Espresso hired outside consultants to adapt the design.

Browne said he knew the project was destined for failure last fall as updates became less frequent and problems seemed to multiply. In January, ZPM Espresso announced it was shutting down and that only a small amount of the initial money remained to return as refunds.

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Deviants? Out-of-towners? No, Alberta has progressives, too

You can stop laughing now. Alberta politics have long been a joke to liberal, or even centrist, outsiders. You know, Alberta “politics,” wink, wink. But the NDP’s incredible win means the joke is over.

We’re now in the position of envying Alberta for more than its alcohol prices and legal drinking age. We’re envying it for its democracy.

In the words of pollster Angus Reid — who’s seen only Conservatives govern Alberta since he began polling in the 1970s — “change is indeed possible.”

“This has big implications, and I think it’s going to send a shiver down the spines of a lot of politicians that think they can ride in on cynicism” and low voter turnout, he said.

The election brought in 58.1 per cent of voters, Elections Alberta said. That’s much higher than voter turnout during the last two elections and a significant step above the average 50.9 per cent over the last six elections, according to media reports.

Albertan friends of mine say this election shows the nuances of Alberta politics, a phrase most out-of-province Canadians have never heard.

Callers to a morning radio show in Calgary spoke yesterday about how their vote mattered for the first time in 40 years, because their candidate got elected. Even some of those who voted Conservative spoke of their excitement

about the variety of views given a voice.

“I know a lot of people that aren’t rednecks, and maybe that wasn’t previously reflected,” said a friend of mine who hails from southern Alberta, heartland of the former Conservative dynasty.

A gay friend in Edmonton told me: “This is first time in my life where I haven’t voted out of fear for what could happen to me.”

In the last election, he voted for the PCs to stop the far-right Wildrose Party from winning. The PCs miscalculated the number of progressives like him that have kept them in power, he said.

David Shepherd, the new NDP MLA for Edmonton-Centre, grew up in the city, under that monotone provincial government. He told me he’s “always believed there was a strong progressive voice.”

They aren’t the voices of deviants or out-of-towners. They’re Albertans, too.

Now, the rest of us need to rethink that stereotype of Alberta as the nation’s small town, isolated by right-wing ideas and traditional Christian values.

She’s not just your Great Aunt Alberta, eating steak and drinking oil at every meal — though she’s still got a lot of conservatism left.

I’d like to take that lady out for tea — the whole ideological spectrum of her — and thank her for reminding us what elections can do.

NDP reveals big cracks in Tory armour

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert



This is a week when sizeable potholes have surfaced on Stephen Harper’s road to re-election.

The NDP’s majority victory in Alberta has reinforced the federal New Democrats’ claim that their party is ready for prime time nationally. At a minimum, the provincial election has exposed cracks in the walls of the country’s main Conservative fortress.

At the same time, Harper is suddenly at risk of losing the upper hand on the central battlefield of tax cuts to the Liberals.

The two developments are independent of each other, but what connects them is that they find the ruling Conservatives playing defense on two flanks that they believed to be bullet-proof.

The 40 per cent of Albertans who ushered the NDP into government this week did not vote for Thomas Mulcair by proxy. And a slim majority of the province’s voters stuck with the right, either by supporting the Wildrose party or Jim Prentice’s Tories.

The good news for Harper is that those voters can be expected to unite behind his federal Conservatives next fall.

The bad news is that they are not spread evenly across the province.

On Tuesday premier-elect Rachel Notley’s New Democrats won more than 20 ridings with a majority of the vote. Many of those seats were won with 60 per cent support or more. In another half a dozen ridings, the combined score of the NDP and the Liberals added up to more than 50 per cent.

Based on those results, a sizeable contingent of Alberta voters does not come across as predisposed to support the federal Conservatives next fall.

Alberta’s 87 provincial ridings work out to 34 federal ones. The provincial results suggest that Harper’s Conservatives could be campaigning against a tide for change in more than a quarter of them, mostly in the Edmonton area.

Conventional wisdom has it that vote-splitting between the NDP and the Liberals will still pave the way for the re-election of most of Alberta’s Conservative incumbents and that may well be right.

In the federal by-elections that have taken place in the province since Justin Trudeau became leader, the Liberals scored immensely better than Mulcair’s New Democrats. If Notley’s success translates into a bump in support for her federal cousins, the result could be

a more divided anti-Harper vote, not only in Alberta, but from coast to coast to coast.

Still, in the big picture, there comes a point when two strong opposition parties, instead of eating each other’s lunches, start taking sizeable bites out of different sections of the incumbent’s pie.

That’s what happened to the Parti Québécois last year.

So far, the Conservatives have focused their attacks on Trudeau. Polls have long suggested that the Liberals, not the NDP, are the main threat to a fourth Conservative victory next fall.

But, what if, in their efforts to weaken the Liberals, the Conservatives open themselves up for a kill at the hands of a conversely strengthened NDP?

As unlikely as the scenario of a Mulcair victory may seem, it is still less improbable than the advent of a majority NDP government in Alberta was thought to be only a few weeks ago.

It is a risk that Harper’s Conservatives will now need to reassess.

At the same time, Trudeau is now challenging the Conservatives on their tax-cutting turf.

Two days after he unveiled two platform planks — a tax cut for middle-income earners and an enhanced child benefit tar-

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geted to middle-class families — Conservative spin doctors are still uncharacteristically struggling to come up with an effective response.

To date, they have not managed to do better than try to bluster their way out of a trap that finds them standing up for the more affluent section of the electorate. It does not help that the trap is largely of the government’s own making.

Harper’s re-election for a fourth mandate has always hinged on a divided opposition and post-Alberta election that remains a potentially winning condition for his party.

But a week that has seen both the hands of the Liberals and the NDP reinforced at Conservative expense is not one that bodes especially well for the game plan of the Prime Minister.

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In bloom: Local for mom



Cleomes, or Spider Flowers, grow at Bathtub Gardens, a two-acre farm in B.C. that uses organic growing methods. COURTESY BATHTUB GARDENS

MOTHER'S DAY

Ethical flowers are beautiful in more ways than one

Worker's rights and environmental sustainability are not necessarily subjects one thinks about on Mother's Day — but our floral preferences can have an impact on both.

"I think we should consider where our flowers come from the same way we do with food," says Calida Grymaloski, who along with her partner runs Bathtub Gardens, a two-acre flower farm that uses organic growing methods in Pemberton, B.C.

"Conventionally grown blooms are often bred to be packed and shipped so the focus is on maxing out the vase life rather than the beauty of the flower itself," says Grymaloski.

Latin American countries like Colombia, Ecuador — source of the majority of cut flowers

in Canada — tend to have lax labour laws and health-and-safety codes, according to groups like the Ethical Trading Initiative and US Labor Education in the Americas Project.

As well, many cut flowers from developing countries are grown using toxic pesticides banned in Canada, and imported flowers are not tested for pesticide residues, according to the David Suzuki Foundation.

A medical survey by Oxfam Colombia showed that two-thirds of Colombia's flower workers had suffered from health problems related to pesticide exposure.

A Better Bouquet

But before you give up on bouquets altogether, consider getting mom a locally grown bouquet on Sunday.

Grown year-round in many parts of the country, Canadian cut flowers are typically grown without pesticides — even at farms that are not certified organic, according to Joseph Delarge of Eco Stems, an ethical and sustainable flower

shop in Toronto.

And with our labour codes, workers are protected here.

He also maintains that where flowers are grown sustainably, their quality is better.

"Our customers find that these flowers actually last longer because we harvest them only days before delivery. Conventionally grown flowers of the same type will have been harvested sometimes three weeks before they end up in your vase."

Lest you think local is too limiting, there's a wide variety of grown-in-Canada blooms you can get this time of year.

Delarge says he has irises, tulips, roses, orchids, calla lilies, ranunculus and anemones in his fridge right now.

Grymaloski says they grow 80 varieties on their farm, with a more unique selection than those found on a conventional farm.

If you're worried about breaking the bank, she says their prices can be comparable to conventionally grown flowers, although the selection might

be a little different.

"We typically avoid growing commodity crops like long-stemmed roses, baby's breath, carnations and even sunflowers which are grown as monocrops on large chunks of land with massive infrastructure," she says. "However we want our customers to receive fair prices and a quality product, so we focus on different species that are more suitable to small-scale production."

She says that if customers buy flowers directly through them via farmers markets, their Community Supported Agriculture program or their local farm stand, the prices would be comparable with a standard bouquet.

METRO LIFE

Ranunculus, tulips and calla lilies are all grown in Canada. ISTOCK



OTHER OPTIONS

Fairtrade

• If you can't stay away from those long-stem roses, you're probably looking at getting flowers grown outside of Canada.

• Look for Fairtrade or Veriflora-certified bouquets. These programs ensure the farms promote healthy workplaces and sustainable farming practices.

Native varieties

• Delarge and Grymaloski say cut flowers are almost never native, so if you are looking to get mom some indigenous flowers, potted plants are the way to go.

• Check with your local garden centre. Local park organizations and botanical gardens will also often have native plant sales in the spring.

BODY IMAGE

Zooney won't be 'sexy new mom in bikini'

New Girl star Zooney Deschanel is eager to temper expectations for what she'll be doing after she gives birth to her first child, due later this year.

"Haven't we all seen those pictures of a sexy new mom in a bikini after one month? I will not be that person," she tells Cosmopolitan. "I've always gone my own



course and never been someone who had the need to be super skinny. I like a healthy look. I don't buy into that skinny-is-better mentality. I just eat healthy and work out and don't worry about my weight too much. Actresses aren't models, and most of them never wanted to be."

It's fascinating how she can simultaneously inspire and aggravate other women, no?

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BIRTHDAY GET-UP

Adele celebrates 27th as George Michael

It's Adele's party, and she'll dress up like Faith-era George Michael if she wants to.

The Skyfall singer posted a photo of herself gussied up as Michael for her 27th birthday, complete with aviator glasses and excessive stubble.

"Thank you for the birthday wishes. I had a wonderful time," she writes. "I was my hero."

To be fair, there are a lot worse music icons she could emulate heading into the ever-so-ominous — for musicians, at least — age of 27. As far as we know, Michael's 27th year was rather uneventful. But it is kind of



Adele as her "hero." TWITTER

surprising that he would be Adele's hero, no?

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KIND WORDS FOR BIEBER ... FOR LOHAN, NOT SO MUCH

Lady Gaga's life advice to Beebs

Justin Bieber has found a surprising ally in Lady Gaga. The two pop stars spent some time together at the Met Gala earlier this week and took a few selfies — one of which Gaga herself posted recently along with a lengthy caption coming to the troubled Can-



Selfie at Met Gala. INSTAGRAM/LADYGAGA

"He grew up in front of the whole world. I reminded him

adian wunder-kind's defence. "He really has a sweetness to him," she writes.

to not get bothered. Because at the end of the day, he's the boss, and life isn't always roses. Lots of thorns."

LiLo community service update

Today marks the day Lindsay Lohan has to check in with the court and show that she's making progress on those

pesky 125 hours of community service she was ordered to finish by May 28, and word is she's still got a long way to go.

"Lindsay has hardly made a dent in the court-ordered 125 hours of community service. It's an extremely unimpressive number so far — less than 20 hours total," a source tells Radar Online. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Dad Bods: Squishy is sexy

CONCEPT TAKES OFF

Beer bellies, not biceps, the newest male physique trend

What do Simon Cowell, Jason Segel and Leonardo DiCaprio all have in common (apart from global fame and fortune)? They all boast a "Dad Bod."

A what-bod, you cry? Well, allow us to explain: The Dad Bod is the latest trend for the male physique.

Where once women craved six-packs that could grate cheese and biceps the size of tree trunks, now a cuddly torso and gentle paunch is all that's required, according to a blog post written by U.S. student Mackenzie Pearson that has since gone viral.

In her post, Mackenzie describes the Dad Bod as "a nice balance between a beer gut and working out."

She continues: "The dad bod says, 'I go to the gym occasionally, but I also drink heavily on the weekends and enjoy eating eight slices of pizza at a time.'"

It's not an overweight guy, but it



Jason Segel stripped down and showed off his Dad Bod in 2008's *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*. Leonardo DiCaprio is also rocking the Dad Bod these days. HANDOUT; INSET: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

isn't one with washboard abs, either."

Mackenzie argues that the physique is a hit with women because it is non-threatening, comfortable to cuddle up to and honest in the sense that it probably won't undergo any drastic transformation within the next 20 years (note: you

don't have to be a father to have a Dad Bod; in fact it is perfectly acceptable to have one when you're still in your 20s). "While we all love a sculpted guy, there is just something about the dad bod that makes boys seem more human, natural, and attractive," she states.

The concept was an immediate hit with nicely squishy men everywhere, who

took to Instagram without delay to show off their less-than-toned torsos and chunky arms. The account "CollegeDadBods" has been quietly gaining momentum since the beginning of this year and has now become a fully-fledged homage to regular guys in all their glory.

The positive reaction to this newfound appreciation for curvy men has reminded us all that guys, too, face an at-times unrealistic social pressure to be buff and trim.

But where will the trend take us next? Could the "Mom Bod" be the lusted-after shape for 2015? Time will tell. AFP

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What they're asking

The 'average' Canadian home is a midsize, detached house with three to four bedrooms, in and around the city core. Single-family homes are in demand in Toronto and Vancouver. Prices reflect the limited inventory. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



\$400,000

Edmonton

Sitting on a large corner lot in the desirable Grovenor community, this house includes a landscaped and fenced yard, and oversized, double detached garage. There's a family room, a fourth bedroom in the basement, and an enclosed sunroom. The backyard includes a natural gas barbecue. Listing agent is Sean Nykolyshyn with Liv Real Estate, 780-298-6956.



\$849,000

Calgary

In the midst of the Kensington shopping district, this historic, three-bedroom, detached house has an entry that leads into a spacious living room and dining room. The renovated kitchen features traditional cream cabinetry and stainless-steel appliances. Listing agent Susan Harrigan is a sales representative for Homelife Cityscape Real Estate, 403-669-9112.



\$449,900

Winnipeg

Right in the heart of Winnipeg, in the Bridgewater Forest neighbourhood, this three-bedroom detached home features a large master bedroom with large windows, a four-piece ensuite bathroom and a large walk-in closet. The house is on a sizeable lot, ideal for a growing family. Listing agent Chris Kenny is a sales representative with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.



\$349,900

Halifax

Here's a bright and airy, three-bedroom house at 11 Redwood Ave., nestled in the Fleming Heights neighbourhood. The home features vaulted ceilings, a skylight and a private park-like backyard. It's walking distance from historic Dingle Tower, Fleming Park and minutes to Bayer's Lake shopping district. Listing agent Thomas Bagogloo is from the Bagogloo Team, RE/MAX nova, 902-830-9006.



\$982,000

Vancouver

This four-bedroom ranch-style home is 15 minutes from downtown. It was listed for \$1,050,000 and sold at press time for \$982,000. The house has a total living area of 2,590 sq. ft. and sits on a 50-foot lot that includes a large, detached garage with workshop. Listing agent is Cathy Graham with Royal LePage Sussex, 604-984-9711.



\$799,900

Toronto

For sale in Leslieville is a three-bedroom, three-bathroom detached home. The century home has been updated with high ceilings, crown mouldings and Brazilian hardwood. The lot includes an insulated double car garage that can be used as a studio or coach house or studio. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.



\$499,900

Ottawa

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom detached urban home is in the heart of Westboro. The house sits on a 69-foot x 66-foot lot. Updates include a new roof, new windows, a renovated kitchen and bathrooms, new flooring and waterproofed foundation. Listing agent is Kerry Millican, who is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-290-2990.

It's the thought that counts

Astrid Van Den Broek
For Metro

When it comes to Mother's Day, the cliché, 'it's the thought that counts,' really does ring true.

"People need to remember that Mother's Day is not about the gifts," said Alexandria Durrell, the mommy blogger behind *idontblog.ca*. "It's about thanking moms for all they do for us. It's a tough slog being a mom. And when your kids are grown, it's touching for them to recognize just how hard it was once upon a time. A little thanks goes a long way."

So, if it's the thought that matters, how do we make mom feel truly special for her big day? Here are five ways to do it.

1 LISTEN TO MOM. Chances are she has dropped hints about what she wants, or at

least what she would love to have. "She will tell you if you ask," said Yvonne Marcus, the blogger behind *thedahliascene.com*. "Whether it's directly or in her actions, she's telling you all year long what she'd like or need."

2 GIVE HER SELF-CARE. "Is mom tired?" Durrell said. "Does she need some time alone? Does she ever pamper herself? Answer those questions and you'll find the perfect gift for your perfect mom."

3 HONOUR YOUR CONNECTION. This year Marcus became a new mom and is asking for a nameplate necklace for herself. "It commemorates the new relationship between me and my son, and it always keeps him with me," she said.

4 GIVE HER TIME. "A full day where I'm not respon-



Whether it's directly or in her actions, your mother has probably told you what she would like or need this Mother's Day. SHUTTERSTOCK

sible for anything would be amazing," Durrell said. You could accessorize mom's free day with a spa gift certificate to use that day, another certi-

cate for a dinner out and even a book she can begin to read.

5 GET CREATIVE. "Think outside of the box when it comes to presents," Mar-

cus said. "If she enjoys animals, then maybe buy her a zoo membership instead of an item. It'll help create memories for her with her kids that they

can cherish for years. Or even make her animal-shaped pancakes for breakfast or something equally simple but that will stir conversation."

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Celebrate expectant moms

Sunday is a special time to celebrate and honour the moms-to-be in your life.

As expectant moms tirelessly plan, nurture and care for their developing baby, make this Mother's Day truly bright and special with a thoughtful gift and some pampering.

PHOTO SHOOT

While at times it may feel as though pregnancy lasts forever, once a new mom holds her baby for the very first time, the months leading up to that special moment will actually seem fleeting. Treasure this special time by hiring a professional maternity photographer to capture mom in her full, baby-belly glory.

PRENATAL MASSAGE

A soothing, tailor-made massage offers the ultimate in relaxation, and provides major health benefits. "Not only does it reduce pain, muscle cramps, but it also increases blood flow which brings more oxygen and nutrition to all of the tissues in the body," said Kailee Kline, founder of Toronto-based Healthwinds Spa.

PUT HER FEET UP

Arrange a mani-pedi at her favourite nail spa, but because nail polish often contains harsh chemicals, choose a salon that takes a holistic or non-toxic approach. This little bit of personal time will



Make this Mother's Day bright and special for moms and moms-to-be. SHUTTERSTOCK

leave her feeling pampered and polished, while nourishing dry, perhaps swollen, feet.

FOOD AND REST

Give her the chance to enjoy a nice, long sleep-in or simply relish a lazy morning reading in bed. Then, when the time is right, impress her with a thoughtfully prepared breakfast tray featuring some of her favourite goodies.

LIFE STORY

Create a photo album celebrating some of your most memorable moments together. There are plenty of options to choose from, including iPhoto, Shutterfly, Snapfish, or buy an album and print pictures at home. Make sure

you include a heartfelt dedication.

OUTDOOR EATS

Weather permitting, pack up the outdoor blanket and picnic basket and surprise her with a fresh spring lunch she won't forget. This is an easy way to mark the day while spending some quality time together before the 24-7 parenting cycle begins.

SONOGRAM IMAGES

Protect and cherish baby's first photos with a single elegant sonogram picture frame, collage frame or shadow box, which will allow you to add other precious mementos later on, such as your baby's newborn cap and hospital bracelet.

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Bolts beat the buzzer to push Habs to brink

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning take their chances to go up 3-0 on Canadiens

Tyler Johnson scored a buzzer-beater to put the Montreal Canadiens on the edge of elimination.

Johnson scored with 1.1 seconds remaining in regulation to give the Tampa Bay Lightning a 2-1 victory in Game 3 Wednesday night at Amalie Arena in Tampa.

"It happened really quickly," said Montreal defenceman P.K. Subban.

"It seemed like they had seven guys on the ice to be honest with you."



It seemed like they had seven guys on the ice.

P.K. Subban on being overwhelmed by the Lightning in the dying seconds of Wednesday night's Game 3.

GAME 3 In Tampa



The Canadiens face elimination in Game 4 Thursday night.

Montreal controlled the puck and the play for most of the night but lost in just about the most heartbreaking way possible. The puck crossed the line just before the buzzer to give Tampa Bay a 3-0 lead in the second-round playoff series.

Brendan Gallagher scored the only goal for the Habs, who got 17 saves from goaltender Carey Price but not one more to send the game into overtime.

"It seems like we're finding ways to lose games," said Gallagher.

Alex Killorn scored the first goal for the Lightning, who have won all eight meetings with Montreal dating back to

+ IN D.C.

Caps lock up victory on Burakovsky's two goals

Andre Burakovsky scored twice, Braden Holtby made 28 saves and the Washington Capitals beat the New York Rangers 2-1 Wednesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

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the regular season.

Tampa Bay goaltender Ben Bishop stopped 30 of the 31 shots he faced for the victory.

After becoming the 101st team in NHL history to win the first two games of a best-of-seven series on the road, the Lightning were worried about matching the Habs' desperation. A sleepy start across the board made that seem like less of a concern.

Then, 12 minutes in, a turnover by Montreal defenceman Andrei Markov gave Tampa Bay a chance to cycle the puck. Steven Stamkos fed Killorn with a pretty backhanded pass, and Killorn beat Price high glove side to make it 1-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canadiens forward Brendan Gallagher hangs his head after Tyler Johnson's last-second goal on Wednesday night in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Ennis helps Canada slip past Sweden

Tyler Ennis and his Canadian teammates have time to savour their comeback victory over Sweden at the world hockey championship in Prague.

Ennis's power-play goal at 13:31 of the third period proved to be the winner as Canada defeated Sweden 6-4 on Wednesday, rallying from a 3-0 first-period deficit. The Canadians don't play again until Saturday when they face off against France.

"We talked in between periods and knew we could do a lot bet-

ter," the Buffalo Sabres forward Ennis. "It wasn't the start we were looking for.

"They took it to us but in the second we started playing the body a lot more."

Ennis said the two-day break is a welcome one.

"Yeah, it comes at a good time," Ennis said. "It gives us time to clean up a few things."

Patrick Wiercioch and Tyler Seguin also had third-period goals for Canada (4-0-0).

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IN BRIEF

Russell muscles Jays to win

Russell Martin homered and Mark Buehrle worked five innings for the victory as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the New York Yankees 5-1 on Wednesday night to take the rubber game of the three-game series.

Martin finished with three hits while Chris Colabello had his first career four-hit game to help the Blue Jays improve to 14-15 on the season. The Yankees, who lead the American League East division standings, fell to 17-11. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teen Henderson gets OK to play in Virginia event

Brooke Henderson received the final sponsor exemption Wednesday to the LPGA Tour's Kingsmill Championship next week.

The 17-year-old Canadian finished third two weeks ago in the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic and tied for 13th last week in the North Texas Shootout. Henderson doesn't have tour membership, so she is relying on sponsor exemptions and Monday qualifiers to get into events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

James raises game as Cavs even series

LeBron James attacked from the start and scored 33 points, Kyrie Irving added 21 and the Cleveland Cavaliers evened their semifinal series with Chicago with a 106-91 victory over the Bulls in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Donning his signature headband for the first time in two months and powering to the basket, James kept the Cavs from falling into a 2-0 hole. He added eight rebounds and five assists for Cleveland.

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LeBron James shoots over Joakim Noah on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

Flames' scoring depth shows up

Secondary scoring helped the Calgary Flames inch back into their playoff series against the Anaheim Ducks.

More of it is needed for the Flames to extend and win it.

Calgary's top line of Sean Monahan, Jiri Hudler and Johnny Gaudreau have yet to score at even-strength in their Western Conference semifinal, due in large part to Anaheim's suffocating forward unit of Ryan Kesler, Matt Belesky and Jacob Silfverberg.

Gaudreau's electrifying power-play goal with 19 seconds to go in Game 3 was the buzz Wednesday as it doused fires on several fronts for the Flames.

The Calder Trophy candidate's wrist shot on a two-man advantage deadlocked the game and opened the door for Mikael Backlund to score the 4-3 overtime winner. Calgary avoided falling behind three games to none in the series.

Gaudreau's goal also defused fans' resentment over a disallowed Sam Bennett equalizer earlier in the third period, which would have been debated for days in Calgary had the Flames lost.

But overlooked was Joe Colborne and Backlund scoring their first goals and fourth-liner Brandon Bollig collecting his second of this post-season.

"It's up to us to step up and take some of the pressure off our top line," Colborne said. "You can't win a Stanley Cup with just one line going."

The Flames trail two games to one in the best-of-seven conference semifinal. The Kesler line isn't likely to let up on Monahan's unit in Friday's Game 4, as the Ducks will be hungry to steal a win at the Scotiabank Saddledome and close it out Sunday at the Honda Centre.

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Joe Colborne scored his first goal of the playoffs on Tuesday night in Game 3 against the Ducks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Barcelona bosses Bayern

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Catalan club turns the screw at Camp Nou

Lionel Messi had two goals and set up Neymar for another as Barcelona scored three late goals to overwhelm Bayern Munich and former coach Pep Guardiola 3-0 Wednesday night in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal.

Messi put Barcelona ahead in the 77th minute with a 19-yard left-footed shot that beat goalkeeper Manuel Neuer following a giveaway by Juan Bernat to Dani Alves.

SEMIFINAL First leg



Messi doubled the lead three minutes later when he took a pass from Ivan Rakitic at the 18-yard box, dribbled in, turned around the falling Boateng and chipped the ball past Neuer with his right foot from six yards out.

Messi has 53 goals in 51 games this season, including 10



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, left, scores past Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer on Wednesday in Barcelona.

LLUIS GENE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

in 11 Champions League matches. With 77 career Champions League goals, he moved one ahead of Real Madrid's Cristiano

Ronaldo for the record.

"Guardiola knows Messi, and he knows that if he is inspired nobody can stop him," Barcelona

defender Gerard Pique said. "He scored two spectacular goals."

Barcelona's third goal developed when Luis Suarez was fouled by Bastian Schweinsteiger near midfield, the ball rebounded to Messi and Italian referee Nicola Rizzoli allowed play to continue because of Barcelona's advantage.

Messi fed Neymar from midfield for a breakaway, and Neymar slotted past Neuer from 14 yards in the fourth minute of stoppage time.

Barcelona outshot Bayern 17-8, including 8-0 on target.

The second leg of the total-goals series is Tuesday in Munich. The following night, Real Madrid tries to overturn a 2-1 deficit against visiting Juventus.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HOLY HOOPS TAKE OVER VATICAN Harlem Globetrotters Hi-Lite Bruton, left, Ant Atkinson and Big Easy Lofton watch as teammate Flight Time Lang helps Pope Francis spin a basketball on his finger during the Pope's weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday. The Globetrotters, who are touring Italy, presented the Pope with a framed No. 90 jersey with his name on the back. L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/POOL PHOTO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEGAL ACTION

Mayweather's ex sues for defamation

The mother of three of Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s children sued the undefeated boxing champion for defamation over his recent comments about her and a 2010 domestic violence attack in Las Vegas.

Josie Harris filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, days after her ex-boyfriend defeated Manny Pacquiao in a highly anticipated bout.

Mayweather's attorney Shane Emerick said he hasn't been served the case and declined to

comment Wednesday.

The lawsuit focuses on comments Mayweather made during an April interview with Yahoo News anchor Katie Couric in which he said he was restraining his ex-girlfriend and that she was on drugs at the time of the incident. The lawsuit calls Mayweather's comments "utterly false."

Mayweather was arrested and charged with domestic violence after an attack on Harris in September 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

UFC looking to the future with Reebok clothing deal

The UFC says the decision to have Reebok exclusively clothe its athletes will cost the MMA promoter millions in the short run. But it expects the deal will be profitable down the line, with the fighters also seeing a cut from clothing sales.

Starting July 11, they will have to wear Reebok gear on fight night and during fight week. They cannot display any other of their other sponsors during that time.

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SOCCER

FIFA fires back at German broadcaster

FIFA has heavily criticized its broadcasting partner in Germany for a documentary about World Cup hosts Russia and Qatar that was aired after a reporter revealed his filming crew had been arrested in Doha and had footage and personal data deleted.

FIFA's communications director Walter de Gregorio alleged Wednesday that German network ARD distorted facts in a "bashing" of the governing body.

Reporter Florian Bauer revealed on his Twitter account



It looked like they want to hide something or want to prohibit us coming.

Reporter Florian Bauer

that he and three colleagues were arrested in March and detained for five days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Roasted seafood over linguini with lemon olive oil



EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Serving Size: 4

Ingredients

- 12 oz raw shrimp, peeled and deveined (tail left on)
- 8 oz cleaned squid cut into rings
- 12 mussels, scrubbed
- 8 oz linguini
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced zucchini
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 Tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1 tsp hot chili sauce, or to taste
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or basil
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking oil.
2. Place the shrimp, squid and mussels on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 8 minutes, or until the mussels open. Remove from the oven and keep covered.
3. While the seafood roasts, cook the linguini in boiling water until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving 2 tbsp of the pasta water for the sauce. Set aside.
4. While the pasta cooks, spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add the onion, bell pepper and zucchini; stir-fry for 4 minutes, just until the vegetables begin to soften. Add the seafood, pasta, reserved pasta water, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, chili sauce, cilantro, salt and pepper. Toss well and serve.

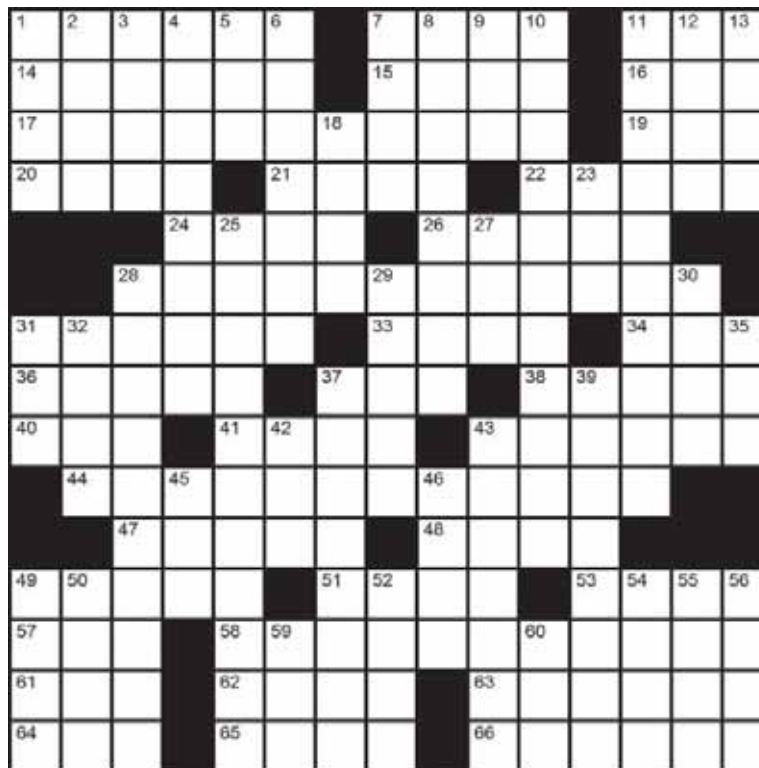
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Rain, e.g.
7. Richie's mom, Fonzie-style
11. Bathroom cleansing brand
14. Go for __ (Travel by car)
15. Prie-__ (Prayer bench)
16. Brouhaha
17. Extreme entertainment enjoyer: 2 wds.
19. Modern
20. __-les-Mouli-neaux, France
21. Wood: French
22. "Presto!" [pl.]
24. Pre-Virgo people
26. Axe: French
28. Anne of __ (Green Gables girl)
29. Anne is now a teacher in Summerside, PEI in this 1936 L.M. Montgomery book)
31. Patriot Games novelist Tom
33. "At Last" singer Ms. James
34. Maude portrayer
36. Madonna's __ "Prayer"
37. Monogram of the author of Treasure Island
38. Sales pitch
40. "Client" completer
41. Libertine
43. Sacred songs
44. 1967: Canada's __ (Pierre Berton book)
47. " __ Harbor" (2001)



48. Invoice abbr.
49. Britannica, e.g.
51. "Here It Goes Again" band: 2 wds.
53. "Bonanza" son
57. Bygone bird
58. Design to transfer onto a t-shirt: 2 wds.

61. 'B' or 'C' of The Spice Girls
62. Jacob van __ the Elder (Flemish painter)
63. Actress Gail
64. __-inclusive
65. Bill 'The Science Guy', and surnamesakes

66. Flippantly talks back
- DOWN**
1. "I Luh Ya __" by Jennifer Lopez
 2. Nutrition amts.
 3. Blunders
 4. Daytime show on Canadian television

5. since 1984
5. Trellis plant
6. Computer-animated flick, "Mr. __ & Sherman" (2014)
7. Gladiator's 1502
8. Drumming punctuations
9. Beaufort __
10. Movie or TV show

- with a loyal niche audience: 2 wds.
11. Gloria __, CNN host
12. Anderson Cooper's designer mom
13. Notion
13. Does lawn work
18. Meddlesome [var. sp.]
23. "Gotcha!"
25. Edwin __ (Toronto Blue Jays player)
27. Fitting
28. Hotel service; or, warning prompting change: 2 wds.
29. Ship co-owner in Moby-Dick, Captain __
30. Feel
31. Canadian actor Mr. Bennett
32. Lively tune
35. Mr. Pacino's
37. Be a dog in an off-leash park: 2 wds.
39. Florida's NHL team
42. 'To hear' in Spanish
43. Pennsylvania mountains
45. King: Spanish
46. American Samoa's capital, when repeated
49. Ms. Stone
50. Liam's rock-er brother
52. Chess pieces, e.g.
54. Wood sorrels
55. "Smooth Operator" singer
56. Mr. Stallone's, briefly
59. Banjo player Mr. Clark
60. Filmmaker org.

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You may enjoy upsetting the odds but don't get carried away. The planets warn if you make too many waves between now and the weekend it could be you who ends up underwater.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do something different over the next 24 hours, something that those who believe you are traditional by nature would never guess you are capable of. It's time to get yourself noticed.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Whatever else you do today do not put money before love. If you want to impress someone who means a lot to you then do whatever it takes and don't worry how much it may cost. Whatever the price it will be worth it.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You have nothing to worry about, so stop being so fearful and get out there into the world. The planets indicate if you think lucky you will be lucky — so what have you got to lose?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do you think with your head or do you feel with your heart? Over the next two or three days you should favor your heart over your head. Not everything in life needs to make sense.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The order of the day is to have as much fun as is humanly possible. You have been working far too hard of late. If you're not smiling then you are doing it wrong.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Work and romance will go well together over the next two or three days — you don't have to choose between them. Use your Libran charms to influence people in positions of power.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do something that makes you feel good about yourself. Also, you may need to remove yourself from an environment that reminds you of things, or people, you would prefer to forget.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
No matter what happens today, don't take it too seriously. Treat whatever occurs, be it "good" or be it "bad" as part of life's little game. It's your attitude that makes your world.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This should be a thoroughly enjoyable day for you, though looking back a few days hence you may wonder how and why you acted so out of character.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't hesitate to help someone in need today but the planets warn that the tale of woe you hear is only half of the story. Be that as it may you are not the sort to let them suffer.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone new on your social scene will get your heart beating faster today. Could a new romance be forming? There is certainly a psychic link between you, a karmic connection that neither can ignore.

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